

## *Greetings from Gagangiri Travels... !!!*

We are pleased to offer you as below

### **(7 NIGHTS / 8 DAYS) FLY IN & FLY OUT (THIMPHU 1N – WANGDUE / PUNAKHA 2N – PARO 4N)**

#### **Day 01: Paro Airport - Thimphu Sightseeing**

**(Distance: 55 Kms. / Driving Time: 1½ Hrs. / Altitude of Thimphu: 2,350 Mts.)**

Meet & Greet on arrival at Paro Airport and transfer to Thimphu (7,710 ft.) the capital city of Bhutan. On arrival check in at the hotel, where you can keep your luggage, relax, and refresh. Afternoon, visit the **Kuenselphodrang** (Buddha Dordenma). Located at a short drive from Thimphu City Centre, **Kuenselphodrang** offers a good overview of the Thimphu valley. The largest statue of Buddha in the country sits here which houses over one hundred thousand smaller Buddha statues. Then visit the **National Memorial Chorten** built in the memory of the Third King of Bhutan. In the evening, visit the **Tashichho Dzong**, first built in 1216 A.D. by Lama Gyalwa Lhanangpa. The Dzong is the seat of the National Government and the Central Monastic Body, including the summer residence of the Je Khenpo (Chief Abbot of Bhutan). Overnight stay at Thimphu.



**Note: Arrival at Paro should be before 10:00 hrs.**

#### **Day 02: Thimphu - Punakha/Wangdue Sightseeing**

**(Distance: 78 Kms. / Driving Time: 3 Hrs. / Altitude of Punakha: 1,310 Mts.)**



After breakfast drive to Punakha/Wangdue (4298 ft.), on the way Stop at **Dochu-La-Pass** (10334 ft.) to view the higher Himalayas. The pass is approximately 25 kms away from Thimphu and is the highest point between the Thimphu and Punakha/Wangdue Valley. Another attraction is the **108 chorten/stupas** (Druk Wangyel Chortens) built close to each other surrounded by numerous colorful prayer flags. On arrival at Punakha, check in at the hotel. Afternoon, visit **Punakha Dzong** - built in 1637 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal. For many years until the time of the second king, it served as the seat of the Government. The Dzong was named Druk Pungthang Dechen Phodrang (Palace of Great Happiness). Punakha is still the winter residence of Je-Khenpo and King Jigme Dorji Wangchuck convened the first National Assembly here in 1952. After that take a short and easy hike to visit the Chhimi Lhakhang - The Temple, also known as "The Temple of Fertility" was built by Lama Drukpa Kuenley, "The Devine Mad Man". Evening free for leisure. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

#### **Day 03: Excursion to Gangtey / Phobjikha or Punakha Sightseeing**

**(Excursion to Gangtey - Distance: 78 kms. One way / Driving Time: 3 hrs.)**

After breakfast, start for full day excursion trip to **Gangtey Valley** (9,842 ft.). On the way you shall come across different flora and fauna, monuments, villages and people. Stop at places for sightseeing and photography. While in Gangtey visit the **Gangtey Goemba** the only **Nyingmapa monastery** in western Bhutan, which was established in the 17th century. Then explore the **Phobjikha valley**, one of the most beautiful glacial valleys in the Himalayas and the winter roosting place for the endangered Black necked Cranes which migrates from the arid plains of Tibet in the north. You may choose to hike around the Valley. After visiting the valley drive back to Punakha. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.



**OR**



Alternatively, instead of going to **Gangtey / Phobjikha**, you also have an option of spending the day in Punakha Valley itself. After breakfast hike to **Khamsum Yuelley Namgyal Chorten** which is about 45 Mins easy hike to the top of the hill. It offers a breathtaking view of the Punakha Valley. After that visit **Punakha Suspension Bridge** which is one of the longest in Bhutan. Later visit **The Sangchhen Dorji Lhuendrup Nunnery**, a temple plus nunnery perched on a ridge overlooking Toebesa village, Punakha and Wangduephodrang valleys. Rest of the day free for leisure. Overnight stay at Punakha / Wangdue.

**Day 04: Punakha/Wangdue - Paro**

**(Distance: 125 Kms. / Driving Time: 5 Hrs. / Altitude of Paro: 2,280 Mts.)**

After breakfast drive to Paro (7,200 ft.). On the way stop at **Lamperi** to visit **Royal Botanical Park**. This park is a treat for nature lovers as the 36 species of exotic rhododendron and approximately 220 types of charming birds will make your day unforgettable. On arrival check in at the hotel. Leisure time in the evening. Overnight stay at Paro.



**Day 05: Paro Sightseeing**

**(Altitude of Paro – 2280 Mts.)**



After breakfast start full day sightseeing covering **Ta Dzong** - Originally built as a watchtower, it is now the National Museum of Bhutan with an excellent collection of Bhutanese antiquities, Rinpung Dzong - consecrated in 1645 by Zhabdrung Ngawang Namgyal on the site of smaller fort. During the 17th & 18th centuries it served as a bastion against invasion from the north. Currently, it is the administrative seat of Paro district, and also houses the state monastic community of about 200 members. Afternoon, visit the **Drukgyel Dzong** – Built in 1647 to commemorate the victory over an invasion from Tibet, the dzong was however destroyed by accidental fire in 1951. It was preserved in ruins as a heritage site. A full reconstruction of the Dzong was started in 2016. On a clear day experience a beautiful view of Mt. Jhomolhari (24035 ft.); from here. Then visit the Kichu Lhakhang, one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Bhutan built in 659 AD by the Tibetan King Songtsen Gampo. This is the second of the two

temples built in a single day to hold down the giant demoness who was preventing the spread of Buddhism. In the evening, explore the Paro Town. Overnight stay at Paro.

#### **Day 06: Excursion to Taktshang Monastery**

**(Distance: 40 Kms. / Driving Time: 1.5 Hrs.)**

After breakfast, drive to the base of the abode of gods and monks, the **Taktshang Monastery**. The monastery is a 2 -3 hours hike uphill from here. One feels truly blessed reaching the monastery. The primary Lhakhang was built surrounding Guru Rinpoche's Meditation cave in 1684 which clings to the edge of a sheer Rock cliff that plunges 900 meters into the valley below. Legend has it that Guru Rinpoche flew here on the back of a tigress which gives its name "Taktshang" meaning Tiger's nest. Afternoon (**If time permits**), visit the **Drukgyel Dzong**. Built in 1647, the dzong was destroyed by accidental fire and left in ruins as an evocative reminder of the great victories it was built to commemorate. Explore the ramparts and experience an unforgettable view of **Mt. Jhomolhari** (7,314 m). On the way back, visit **Kichu Lhakhang**, one of the oldest Buddhist temples in Bhutan. Overnight stay at Paro.



#### **Day 07: Excursion to Chele-La-Pass**

**(Distance: 35 Kms. (One way) / Driving Time: 2 Hrs. (One way) / Altitude of Chele-La-Pass: 3,988 Mts.)**



After breakfast, drive to Chele-La-Pass (13,088 ft.) – the highest motor-able Passes in Bhutan. It is approximately around 2 hrs. drive uphill along a densely-populated forest road and beautiful natural sights. Stop at places for photography and for bird watching (if a bird watcher). The Pass is beautifully marked by hundreds of prayers flags and provides stunning views of

**Mountain Jhomolhari and Jichu Drake**. While returning, hike down to **Kila Goemba** which is a home to Buddhist nuns. The temple and numerous meditation huts dot a rocky cliff and is a serene, peaceful place. Drive back to Paro. In the evening, explore the Paro town shopping for souvenirs. Overnight stay at Hotel.

#### **Day 08: Paro Hotel - Paro Airport**

After breakfast check out from hotel and drive to Paro Airport for your onward journey.

#### **About Vehicle:**

All the vehicles provided, unless other wise specified will be Non-A/C Vehicles. Supplement Charges will be applicable for A/C vehicles.

VEHICLE CAPACITY & DETAILS	
CAPACITY	BHUTAN PART
3 – 6 Pax including Child	Toyota Hiace / Hyundai H1 / Innova / Similar

**Note :** In case the number of heads including child increases, then the guest will have to take bigger vehicle with an additional cost. For instance, for 3rd adult or child traveling together with 02 Pax, the guests would have to pay supplement charges for Toyota Hiace/ Hyundai H1 instead of SUV. The details of supplement costs are given below:

### **Hotel Category Details:**

- ❖ Same category or equivalent hotels may not be available in some places. In these cases, a lower category hotel has been provided.
- ❖ Please note packages with High end Hotels like Como Uma Group of Hotels, The Postcard by Dewa, Pemako, Amankora and Six Sense rates are also available on case to case basis.
- ❖ Hotels serve both Vegetarian & Non-Vegetarian food which would be basic & freshly prepared. Specific regional Indian cuisine will not be available. Only the basic Indian Vegetarian / Non – Vegetarian food can be arranged.

<b>Cost Include:</b>	<b>Cost Exclude:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Accommodation in hotel.</li><li>✓ Meal Plan (as per mentioned above).</li><li>✓ Exclusive Non-a/c vehicle for transfers &amp; sightseeing as per itinerary.</li><li>✓ All permit fees &amp; hotel taxes (as per itinerary).</li><li>✓ Guide charges (Only Bhutan Portion).</li><li>✓ Sustainable Development fee" (SDF)</li><li>✓ Rates are valid for INDIAN NATIONALS only.</li><li>✓ Mumbai – Paro – Mumbai Airfare</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Personal Expenses such as Laundry, telephone calls, tips &amp; gratuity, mineral water, soft &amp; hard drinks, rafting, rock climbing, paragliding, portage.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional sightseeing or extra usage of vehicle, other than mentioned in the itinerary.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entrance Fees.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any cost arising due to natural calamities like, landslides, road blockage, political disturbances (strikes), etc (to be borne by the client, is directly payable on the spot).</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any increase in taxes or fuel price, leading to increase in cost on surface transportation &amp; land arrangements, which may come into effect prior to departure.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TCS 5%</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GST 5%</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel Insurance.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anything which is not include in the inclusion.</li></ul>

### **Permit for Bhutan:**

Indian nationals do not require visa to travel in Bhutan. Only a Valid Passport /Voter Id Card, Travel Insurance and Passport Size Photos are the valid documents for obtaining entry permit.

### **Advance Online Permits**

If you are traveling with an Indian Passport (with a minimum validity of 6 months from the date of departure from Bhutan), you can avail advance online permits by sending us clear colored scanned passport copy as well as the other necessary documents (Travel Insurance, Passport Size Photo). It should reach us before 10 working days. We shall not be responsible for any rejections or similar issues in regards to the permits due to improper documents or delay in arrival of documents.

### **NOTE:**

- The hotels will be confirmed as per the room availability. Otherwise we will confirm similar category.
- The rates quoted in the packages are on per person basis & valid for Indian nationals from (High seasons surcharge will be applicable during the Festivals (Tshechu) & Peak season).We believe in giving value for money and we believe that quality comes with a

price tag. We promise to provide the best of our services and keep by our commitments towards quality and the sensitivity of the services.

**DO'S:**

- ✓ Adults must carry original & valid Passport or original Voter ID card. Children must carry original & valid Passport or original birth certificate & school photo ID card.
- ✓ Remember to carry essential belongings as per the season and personal requirements (including hiking shoes)
- ✓ Please check with your mobile service provider for charges related to Bhutan.

**DON'TS:**

- Tobacco & Tobacco products are banned in Bhutan.
- Do not bring any plant or agricultural product out of Bhutan. It is illegal.
- Credit cards are accepted in selected establishments in Bhutan.
- Usage of Drones is strictly prohibited in Bhutan.
- Photography is not allowed inside temples and Dzongs.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR TOUR PACKAGES**

### **1. Booking Policy**

Bookings are confirmed only after receiving the specified advance payment

If full payment is not received by the deadline, the booking may be auto-cancelled without notice.

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### **2. Airline / Train Tickets & Entrance Fees**

Airfares are subject to change until the ticket is issued.

Once issued, air tickets are **non-transferable** and cancellation charges will apply as per airline policy.

The company is not responsible for flight delays, rescheduling, or cancellations by the airline.

All Entrance tickets are non-refundable and non-amendable.

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### **3. Hotel Policy**

Check-in & check-out times vary from country to country (generally check-in: 3:00 PM, check-out: 10:00 AM). Early check-in/late check-out is subject to availability and additional charges. Rooms are allocated based on availability; specific requests (adjacent rooms, higher floors, etc.) cannot be guaranteed.

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### **4. Meals**

All Hotels provide breakfast as per their menu only. Special request are subject to availability.

Meals will be provided as per the itinerary and may include local cuisine.

Jain/Vegetarian/Other special meal requests must be informed at the time of booking, but availability is not guaranteed.

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### **5. Cancellation Policy**

As per the Policy of Airline, Hotels & vendors

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## **6. Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is **mandatory** for all international packages.

Insurance covers medical emergencies, baggage loss, and trip delays.

Claims, if any, are subject to the insurance provider's terms.

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## **7. Force Majeure / Unforeseen Circumstances**

The company shall not be responsible for delays, losses, or cancellations caused by:

Natural calamities (earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, etc.)

Political unrest, strikes, riots, curfews

Airline or cruise cancellations

Global pandemics or travel restrictions

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## **8. Health & Safety**

Travelers must be medically fit and disclose any pre-existing health conditions at the time of booking.

Certain destinations may require mandatory vaccinations or health documents. It is the traveler's responsibility to comply.

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## **9. Liability & Jurisdiction**

The company acts only as an intermediary between airlines, hotels, transporters, and service providers. Any service-related issues are beyond its control. All disputes will fall under the jurisdiction of the company's registered office location in India.

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**Company is not responsible for any majeure cause or hazardous incidents caused while any adventure activities / boat / cruise / ship incidents done by the client booked either by the company or directly by the client. Because travel insurance doesn't cover the same.**

***Your understanding and punctuality is appreciated because our tour guide(s) and driver(s) also need to refresh and recharge their health to work well on the next days.***

Hope above is in order, for any further clarifications, kindly do not hesitate to contact us.